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Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR §§ 1.97, 1.98)  
Information Disclosure Citation (Form PTO-1449)  
Three (3) cited references (1 U.S. patent; 2 publications)  
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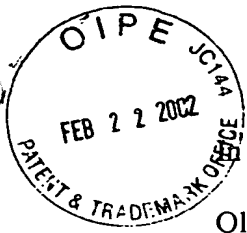
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97, relating to the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants hereby submit the following in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR §1.56.

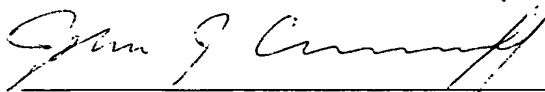
Information or art known to the Applicants and having an extent of relevance to the present application has been listed on PTO Form 1449 attached hereto. It includes one (1) United States patent and two (2) publications. The Applicants have employed PTO Form 1449 for the purposes of convenience of the Office and the Examiner.

No representation is made that the information is non-cumulative, or that the information represents the only or the best information. The Applicants do not admit that any of the information they have provided is necessarily prior to their invention but rather that it is information of which they are aware and that they believe should be provided to the Office in fulfillment of their duty of disclosure. Any question that may arise regarding priority of a specific reference shall be resolved during prosecution.

It should be evident that none of the art provided herein accomplishes the objects of the present invention. The Applicants believe that the claims of the subject application are patentably distinct over the art of record. In the event the Examiner would care to discuss

any of the disclosed art more specifically, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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